

**Compostable Materials Management Technical Assistance  
Integrated Best Management Practices Development  
Operational Challenges/Concerns Assessment Procedure (OCAP)**

SITE NAME AND ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_ FACILITY SWIS NUMBER: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
FACILITY OWNER/OPERATOR: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
SITE MANAGER: \_\_\_\_\_

PURPOSE OF ASSESSMENT (Describe): \_\_\_\_\_

**1. GENERAL OPERATION DESCRIPTION**

Materials on Site: Feedstocks/ Additives/ Amends. ( <i>list or attach</i> )	Amounts Processed		Source of Feedstocks/Materials Received (ex. curbside)
	each day:	each year:	
Total Amounts:			

Facility Size: \_\_\_\_\_ acres Operation Type: (windrow, static pile, etc.) \_\_\_\_\_  
Which direction are the closest neighbors and distance from the site? N ☐ S ☐ E ☐ W ☐ \_\_\_\_\_ ft/miles  
Has the site experienced encroachment? Yes ☐ No ☐ Wind Direction? N ☐ S ☐ E ☐ W ☐ \_\_\_\_\_  
Are there other nearby sources of odors? Yes ☐ No ☐ What are they? \_\_\_\_\_  
Weather Monitoring: \_\_\_\_\_ Odor Controls: \_\_\_\_\_  
Site Supervision: Manager on Site Yes ☐ No ☐ Trained Personnel: Yes ☐ No ☐

**2. OPERATION AREA**

Is there sufficient area for unloading and stockpiling? Yes ☐ No ☐  
Is there sufficient area between and around existing piles? Yes ☐ No ☐  
If there were a fire would there be sufficient space to spread out piles? Yes ☐ No ☐  
Is there access to all parts of the facility? Yes ☐ No ☐  
Please explain any "no" response: \_\_\_\_\_

**3 OPERATIONAL CAPACITY (THRU-PUT):**

Does material appear to be stockpiled for excessive amounts of time? Yes ☐ No ☐  
Does the facility appear to have insufficient equipment? Yes ☐ No ☐  
Please explain any "yes" response: \_\_\_\_\_

**4. MATERIAL HANDLING PROCESS (BY PROCESSING STEP)**

**4A. FEEDSTOCK RECEIPT, STORAGE, PROCESSING AND EQUIPMENT**

Does the Facility have a scale? Yes ☐ No ☐ Are all loads weighed? Yes ☐ No ☐  
Obvious odors from incoming material? Yes ☐ No ☐  
Level of contamination in incoming material? (approximate) \_\_\_\_\_  
Types of Contaminants? \_\_\_\_\_

How are contaminants identified and removed? \_\_\_\_\_

Condition of material? \_\_\_\_\_

Is material below temperature threshold (122 F) when received? Yes ☐ No ☐ Don't Know ☐

Are some or all feedstocks stockpiled? Yes ☐ No ☐ Approx. Storage time? \_\_\_\_\_

Are there obvious odors from the material processing area? Yes ☐ No ☐

Is the working surface in good condition? Yes ☐ No ☐

Does all material get processed in one day? Yes ☐ No ☐ If not, average time before processing \_\_\_\_\_

Is the equipment in good working condition? Yes ☐ No ☐

Are there adequate staffing and equipment? Yes ☐ No ☐

Is there redundant equipment? Yes ☐ No ☐

List of Equipment: (or attach the list) \_\_\_\_\_

#### 4B. ADDITIVES AND/OR AMENDMENTS RECEIPT AND STORAGE

Is material below temperature threshold (122 F) when received? Yes ☐ No ☐ Don't Know ☐

Are there bulking agents? Yes ☐ No ☐ Adequate bulking agent storage? Yes ☐ No ☐

Types of bulking materials (or attach list) \_\_\_\_\_

#### 4C. COMPOSTING PROCESS DESCRIPTION (Pile formation and agitation)

How are piles formed? \_\_\_\_\_

What are the pile dimensions (height & geometry)? \_\_\_\_\_

How much material is on site? \_\_\_\_\_ Approx. time for the compost process? \_\_\_\_\_

Are there obvious odors from the windrows/piles? Yes ☐ No ☐

Is there visible standing water? Yes ☐ No ☐

Are there visible ruts or damage due to over-watering? Yes ☐ No ☐

Is there evidence of inefficient watering? Yes ☐ No ☐

What is the approx. % moisture in the piles? \_\_\_\_\_ %

How and when is moisture added? \_\_\_\_\_

Where is the water source? \_\_\_\_\_

Are piles consistently mixed? Yes ☐ No ☐ What is the mixing schedule? \_\_\_\_\_

What are the temperatures in the piles? \_\_\_\_\_ Any evidence of fires? Yes ☐ No ☐

Do the temperature records show any problems? Yes ☐ No ☐

Is the porosity (airflow) & oxygen adequate? Yes ☐ No ☐ Enough porosity (airflow)? Yes ☐ No ☐

Do the piles have adequate agitation/turning/aeration? Yes ☐ No ☐

What is the sampling method and frequency? \_\_\_\_\_

Do the sampling records show excessive pathogens? Yes ☐ No ☐ Metals? Yes ☐ No ☐

#### 4D. CURING AND FINISHING and PRODUCT STORAGE AND TRANSPORT

Are the piles screened? Yes ☐ No ☐ How is product screened? \_\_\_\_\_

Are there obvious odors from screening operations? Yes ☐ No ☐

What is the pile size and geometry? \_\_\_\_\_ Is it adequate? Yes ☐ No ☐

What is the retention time? \_\_\_\_\_ How is maturity determined? \_\_\_\_\_

How are contaminants handled? \_\_\_\_\_

Is finished compost stored separately from new incoming feedstocks? Yes ☐ No ☐

Is the finished compost stockpiled? Yes ☐ No ☐ Approx. ☐

Total time from feedstock receipt to product \_\_\_\_\_

Is the final product sampled? Yes ☐ No ☐ Do the sampling results show any problems? Yes ☐ No ☐

When loading out the final product, is there off-site dust? Yes ☐ No ☐ Material Spillage? Yes ☐ No ☐

**LIST SITE OBSERVATIONS & RECOMMENDATIONS ON SIDE TWO OF THE PRE-ASSESSMENT FORM**